

DECISION/DIRECTION NOTE

Title: Appointment – Bike St. John’s Advisory Committee – Younger Generation Cyclist

Date Prepared: January 6, 2021

Report To: Regular Meeting of Council

Councillor and Role: Mayor Danny Breen, Governance & Strategic Priorities

Ward: N/A

Decision/Direction Required:

To appoint a younger generation cyclist to the Bike St. John’s Advisory Committee.

Discussion – Background and Current Status:

Section 3.1.1 of the Bike St. John’s Advisory Committee provides for the appointment of a younger generation cyclist.

(Public member, aged 19-35) will be appointed to each advisory committee. Such individuals must be between the ages of 19-35 at the time their application is submitted.

Recognizing the existing member’s resignation in November 2020, a call for interested persons was advertised with the deadline for applications being December 18, 2020. A total of six applications were received.

Through consultation with the City Clerk’s Office and the Team Lead (Marianne Alacoque), Alida Zedel is the recommended candidate.

Alida is a MUN student who rides year-round for recreation, sport, and commuting. She’s been biking around St John’s with her family since she was a toddler in a bike trailer. She believes its important that as a community we take advantage of the healthy lifestyle that cycling offers and the significant environmental benefits that it provides. She offers that weather in St. John’s is not always favourable for cycling; we have rain, wind and snow and on top of that many roads have steep hills. But, we can work around these roadblocks because as a compact city, St John’s has a great deal of potential cycling. She suggests that we will only get more people riding in St. John’s if we take steps to reduce the difficulties and remove the barriers and hazards.

Key Considerations/Implications:

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1. Budget/Financial Implications: N/A
2. Partners or Other Stakeholders: Cycling, and Active Transportation Groups
3. Alignment with Strategic Directions/Adopted Plans:
 - Neighbourhoods Build our City – Promote a safe and secure city, improve neighbourhood-level services, increase access to range/type of housing, develop parks and places for people
 - A Culture of Cooperation – Create effective City-community collaborations
 - A City for All Seasons – Support year-round active transportation, explore options for year-round active, leisure and recreation facilities and programs, promote active and healthy living, incorporate all weather planning in City building and open space development, support year-round tourism and industry activity
 - Responsive and Progressive – Create a culture of engagement, identify and deliver on projects, strategies, and programs
4. Legal or Policy Implications: N/A
5. Privacy Implications: N/A
6. Engagement and Communications Considerations: Solicitation for members took place through various media platforms
7. Human Resource Implications: N/A
8. Procurement Implications: N/A
9. Information Technology Implications: N/A
10. Other Implications: N/A

Recommendation:

That Council appoint Alida Zedel to the Bike St. John’s Advisory Committee.

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